

Old First Presbyterian Church



**Darkness cannot drive out darkness, only light can do that.
Hate cannot drive out hate, only love can do that.**

Strength to Love, 1963

**Sunday
January 15, 2023**

Worship Through Praising God

*Please fill out a guest card found in the pew rack and
place it in the offering basket in the narthex when you exit the church building.*

Silence is requested as we prepare our hearts for worship.

** At the asterisk, please rise in body or spirit.*

Prelude

Welcome and Church Life

Pastor Henderson

Introit Thou Knowest Lord, the Secrets of Our Hearts

Henry Purcell, arr. By Vincent Knight

***Call to Worship**

Steve Taber

Leader We wait patiently for our God.
**People We will sing, we will sing new songs
 of the One who calls us here.**

Leader We will not chase after other gods.
**People We will sing, we will sing new songs
 of the One whom we can trust.**

Leader We will tell of all God has done for us.
People **We will sing, we will sing new songs
of the One whose salvation is for all.**

***Hymn 154 Jesus Entered Egypt**

- 1 **Jesus entered Egypt, fleeing Herod's hand
living as an alien in a foreign land.
far from home and country with his family,
was there room and welcome for this refugee?**
- 2 **Jesus was a migrant living as a guest
with the friends and strangers who could offer rest.
Do we hold wealth lightly so that we can share
shelter with the homeless and abundant care?**
- 3 **Jesus crosses borders with the wandering poor,
searching for a refuge, for an open door.
Do our words and actions answer Jesus' plea;
"Give the lowly welcome, and you welcome me?"**

**Prayer of
Confession**

Steve Taber

Leader Why do we huddle in in the shadowed corners of life,
rather than running to the Light of Life?
Why do we love the wrong we do
rather than grasping the good news offered to us?
As we struggle with such questions, let us
speak to God of all we have failed to do, seeking hope and grace as we pray.

People **We search for your light Star Caster, but too often
end up settling for the dimness of temptation.
Our motives for seeking Christ are not always pure,
for we expect him to fulfill our desires, rather than your hopes for us.
We want the gifts of health, wealth, success fulfillment,
rather than those of servanthood, of compassion, of peace.**

Silence is kept.

**Forgive us, Shaper of our lives, that we are so foolish
to put our needs ahead of your grace.
Help us to be like those wise people of so long ago,
who found hope instead of a destination;
who found grace instead of gratitude;
who found salvation, instead of a sign.
As we journey with your Son, our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ,
fill us with the light of your joy and love. Amen.**

***Assurance of
Forgiveness**

Leader Up, on your feet!
Grace has been poured into our hearts,
love has flooded our souls,
the light of hope shines in us.

People This is the light which has come to all,
the light we will carry and give to everyone we meet.

Leader Come, dear friends and receive God's grace; see all
that God is doing for you; follow Jesus, as he leads you closer to God.

All I will sing of God's love for me;
I will sing a new song of hope and wonder.
Thanks be to God. Amen.

***Gloria** Jacques Berthier (1923-1994)

**Glory to God, glory to God,
Glory in the highest!
Glory to God, glory to God,
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Offering *Ushers will receive the offering during the anthem. You may also make your offering electronically using the kiosk in the narthex.*

Anthem The Coventry Carol

Original tune of 1591

Lully, lullay, thou little tiny child,
Bye bye, lully, lullay
Thou little tiny child,
Bye bye, lully, lullay

Herod the king, in his raging,
Charged he hath this day
His men of might in his own sight
All young children to slay.

That woe is me, poor child, for thee
And ever mourn and may
For thy parting neither say nor sing,
"Bye bye, lully lullay."

***Doxology** GENEVAN PSALTER, 1551

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow,
Praise God, all creatures here below,
Praise God above, ye heavenly host,
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

**Time with Our
Children**

***The Peace**

Leader Peace be with you.
People And also with you.

Worship Through Hearing God's Word	
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Scripture	Matthew 2:13-23
Leader	For the Word of God in scripture, For the Word of God within us, For the Word of God among us,
People	Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Pastor Henderson

Worship Through Holy Communion	
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**Invitation to
the Lord's
Table**

**The Great
Thanksgiving**

Leader May the God of patience be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Leader Offer your hearts to the One who waits for you..

People **We open them to God, who is our life..**

Leader Come and sing new songs to our God.

People **We will praise the One who dwells in our hearts.**

The leader continues the Great Thanksgiving...

**The Lord's
Prayer**

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.**

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

**For thine is the kingdom and the power,
and the glory, forever. Amen.**

**The Words of
Institution**

The Bread *All are invited to share in the Lord's Supper.*
and the Cup *Simply follow the directions of the leaders.*

**Music During
Communion**

Worship Through Responding to God's Word

***Hymn 504 We Come as Guests Invited**

- 1 We come as guests invited when Jesus bids us dine,
his friends on earth united to share the bread and wine;
the bread of life is broken; the wine is freely poured
for us, in solemn token of Christ our dying Lord.

- 2 We eat and drink, receiving from Christ the grace we need,
and in our hearts believing on him by faith we feed;
with wonder and thanksgiving for love that knows no end,
we find in Jesus living our ever present friend.

- 3 One bread is ours for sharing, our single fruitful vine,
our fellowship declaring renewed in bread and wine;
renewed, sustained, and given by token; sign, and word
the pledge and seal of heaven, the love of Christ our Lord.

***Charge and
Benediction**

Choir Send Forth Thy Spirit

Fr. Jos. Schuetky; arr. Carl F. Mueller

Postlude

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Sharing God's Love, Welcome, and Justice on Our Corner, in Our City, and in the World

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Today's Guest Organist, Sam Cheng [?]

Today we welcome Old First member, Sam Cheng, as our guest organist. [?]

Announcement

Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day March, January 16

The San Francisco Faith Council invites faith leaders and their congregants to join in the 2023 **Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday Commemorations to be held on Monday, January 16, 2023. The 2023 March will begin promptly at 11:00 am** (arrive early) from the Caltrain depot at 4th & Townsend. Once the March arrives at Yerba Buena Gardens Esplanade, the 13th Annual Interfaith Commemoration Ceremony will commence.

On Sunday, January 29th, Pastor Maggi will be preaching on the childhood of Jesus, which is only mentioned in the Bible once in Luke 2:39-52. I will also be exploring the Apocrypha book *The Infancy Gospel of Thomas*. It is a biographical writing about the childhood of Jesus from the second century. If you are curious, you can find it on the internet.

Coffee Hour Sponsorship

Looking for a gift for loved ones or friends at Old First? Why not sponsor our coffee hour in their honor? It's only fifty dollars. The sign up sheet has returned to the bulletin board in the Sacramento Street lobby. We'll include your dedication in that Sunday's bulletin.

This Week at Old First

Sunday January 15
11:00 am Worship
7:15 pm Friendly Circle AA Meeting, Social Hall
Monday January 16, MLK Jr. Day
Church Office Closed
Friday January 20
8:00 pm O1C: Chelsea Randall, piano: "American Mavericks"
Saturday January 21
Budget Reconciliation Meeting
Sunday January 22
11:00 am Worship
7:15 pm Friendly Circle AA Meeting, Social Hall
Monday January 23
8:00 pm O1C: Earplay, strings, wood winds, piano: "Mirages" including three world premieres

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